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Egypt: The existence of the newspapers *El-Hurriyya* and *El-Hadath*; verification of the authenticity of the following articles: "Silence and the Dictator" published in *El-Hurriyya* on 25 September 2003, "Following the Iraqi Thug, Has the Role Switched Hands into the Tunisian Executioner?" published in *El-Hurriyya* on 3 October 2003 and "The Tragedy of a Nation" published in *El-Hadath* on 30 November 2003 (Sept.-Nov. 2003)
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No information on the existence of the newspapers *El-Hurriyya* and *El-Hadath* could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. Moreover, in correspondence dated 13 September 2006, a representative of the International Freedom of Expression eXchange (IFEX) indicated that his work group could find no trace of those newspapers.

Nevertheless, in correspondence dated 16 September 2006, the IFEX representative stated that a newspaper called *Al Hadath* does currently exist. However, in citing contributors to *Al Hadath*, he stated that the publication of that newspaper began only in 2006. The information provided by the IFEX representative could not be corroborated by any of the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

International Freedom of Expression eXchange (IFEX). 16 September 2006. Correspondence from a representative.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) and Reporters Without Borders did not respond to a request for information within the time constraints for this Response.

Internet sites, including: Alliance française de Port-Saïd, Arab German Consulting, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

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